Technical Defect and one accident was due to Bird Hit. The cause of one accident, however, remained unresolved.

Terrorist attacks

2328. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many terrorist attacks were made in the country or near the borders of the country since the last Session of Parliament;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is serious increase in such attacks;

(c) how many civilians and paramilitary personnel killed or injured; and

(d) what special actions/precautions Government have taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per available information, there have been 31 significant terrorist attacks, including incidents of naxalite violence in the country from August, 2005 to November, 2005. In these attacks 132 civilians, 67 security forces (SFs) have been killed and 404 civilians and 54 SFs sustained injuries. These figures do not show a serious increase in the terrorist attacks.

(d) The Government pursues a multi-dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activities and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist activities. The multi-pronged strategy gives primacy to dialogue, democratic and political processes and the rule of law. In order to curb terrorist activities, the Government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence mechinery insuring imporved technology weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, the steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the menance of terrorism, given its global dimensions.